UGC directives regarding students representation on University Bodies

*257. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC has issued any directives to various universities that the practice of giving elected students representation on University Bodies be stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the above directive has been made a condition to accord recognition to universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No such directive has been issued by the UGC.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Guidelines to voluntary organisations for organising eye operation camps

*258. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many persons have lost their eyesight in several States after undergoing eye operations in camps organised by voluntary organisations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any new guidelines have been issued to voluntary organisations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are as under:—

Year	Eye Camp	No. of cases operated upon	No. of cases reported to have lost their eye-sight
1986	Khurja, U.P.	108	84
1986	Moradabad, U.P.	380	15
1987	Korchi, Maharashtra	20	4
1987	Gadchiroli, Maharashtra	56	12
1988	Chintamani, Karnataka	151	70

(c) The new guidelines have been circulated to all State Governments/ U.T. Administrations.

Construction of East Coast Road from Madras to Tuticorin

*259. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Government has submitted any proposal or project to construct East Coast Road from Madras to Tutiocrin; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what will be its length and cost of construction and the names of the cities and towns likely to be linked by it;

(c) by when it is expected to be completed;

(d) whether it is a fact that Asian Development Bank has agreed to finance the whole project; if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there will be any Central assistance; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether East Coast Road will be extended to link Cape Comorin (Kanya Kumari) via Trichendur in order to bring uninterrupted tourist flow to southern tip; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) Does not arise as it has neither been declared as National Highway nor any Central assistance has been recently sanctioned.

(d) The Asian Development Bank has shown interest to offer loan assistance for the stretch from Madras to Cuddalore for a length of 180 Kms. The matter is still in a preliminary stage.

(e) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present.

(f) Being a State Road, it is for the State Government of Tamil Nadu to decide.

Statement

Details of Length of the East Coast Road from Madras to Tuticorin, cost of Construction, Linking of cities etc.

(i)	Length of Road from Madras to Tuticorin	660 Kms.
(ii)	Cost for Two-lane NHs Standard	As per the preliminary estimates of the Tamil Nadu Government, the cost of making two-lane National Highways standard from Madras to Tuticorin is Rs. 150 00 crores. However, the State Government sent a proposal for the improvement/upgradation of certain stretches of the East Cost Road at the cost of Rs. 24.07 crores for financing under the Centrally Aid programme of loan assistance for State Roads of In ter-State of Economic Importance during the 7th Five Year Plan. But owing to financial constraints, it is not possible for the Government of India to render financial assistance at this point of time or to declare it as a National Highway.
(iii)	Linking of cities/towns of the Madras-Tuticorin of the East Cost Road	The East Cost Road from Madras to Tuticorin is linked by several towns/cities *en-route*, i.e. Mahabalipuram, Markkanan, Pondicherry, Cuddalore. Karaikal, Nagur, Nagapattinam, Vedaranyam, Muthupet, Mimsal, Tondi, Ramanad, Sayalukudi, and Tuticorin etc.

Admission to senior Navyug Schools

*260. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 14th April, 1988 and the Hindustan Times dated the 15th April, 1988 to the effect that the students of N.D.M.C. Junior Navyug Schools are facing difficulty in getting admission to Senior Navyug Schools;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for the redressal of the grievances of these students; and